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### Manchu Family Feud

## Mohan Babu Denies Allegations



**TPN , Telangana:** Tollywood veteran actor Manchu Mohan Babu has responded to reports of a family dispute involving his son, actor Manchu Manoj. Earlier today, rumors spread that police complaints had been filed by both parties at the Pahadi Sharif Police Station in Hyderabad.

Mohan Babu dismissed the allegations as baseless and urged media outlets not to propagate false information. "The news circulating about our family is entirely false," he stated, requesting journalists to verify facts before reporting.

The controversy began when reports claimed that Manoj had filed a complaint against his father, alleging physical assault on him and his wife. Contradictory reports suggested that Mohan Babu had also lodged a complaint, accusing Manoj of an attack. Unverified stories speculated that the disagreement was related to property and school management issues.

While the allegations have gone viral, neither party has provided substantial evidence or official statements addressing the incident. Fans and the media await further clarification from the Manchu family to resolve the confusion surrounding the reports.

As the situation unfolds, Mohan Babu has emphasized the importance of respecting their family's privacy and refraining from spreading misinformation.

# Aerial Spectacle at Tank Bund

### Telangana's Skies Ablaze with Patriotic Colors

### Suryakiran Aerobatic Team Steals the Show

### CM Revanth Reddy and Ministers Witness the Spectacle

### Public Applauds Congress Government's Achievements

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The skies over Tank Bund in Hyderabad lit up with a stunning display of aerobatic maneuvers as part of the Telangana Congress government's Prajapalan anniversary celebrations. Organized to mark the completion of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's one year in office, the air show captivated thousands of spectators who gathered to witness the spectacle.

The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force, led by Group Captain Ajay Dasaradhi, executed awe-inspiring stunts with nine aircraft painting the sky in the colors of the tricolor. The crowd erupted with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jaya Ho" as they watched the breathtaking formations. Being a Sunday, the area around Tank Bund was packed with people who expressed their admiration for the event.

CM Revanth Reddy, accompanied by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, and MLAs, attended the air show. The Chief Minister congratulated the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team for their spectacular performance. The public lauded the Congress government, attributing the success of numerous welfare schemes and job creation initiatives within a year to CM Revanth Reddy's leadership.



Attendees expressed pride in participating in the celebrations and praised the patriotic theme of the event. Many also voiced their support for the unveiling of the Telugu Thalli statue at the Secretariat, urging political parties to refrain from politicizing such initiatives. The grand air show highlighted the Telangana government's commitment to

celebrating its achievements while fostering public enthusiasm and patriotism.

The Prajapalan anniversary events continue to draw widespread appreciation, with the air show becoming a centerpiece of the festivities and a moment of pride for the people of Telangana.

## BRS MLAs and MLCs Receive Directions from KCR

### Assembly and Council Sessions Set to Begin Tomorrow

### KCR Emphasizes Accountability on Key Issues

### Focus on Education, Musi Beautification, and Hydra Concerns

### Telangana Assembly and Council Sessions Begin Tomorrow

**TPN , Telangana:** Telangana Assembly and Legislative Council meetings are set to commence tomorrow. Ahead of these crucial sessions, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) convened a meeting with party MLAs and MLCs at his farmhouse in Erravalli, Gajwel district, to discuss the strategy for the upcoming sessions.

**Strategy to Highlight Congress Government's Failures**  
KCR outlined the issues to be raised in the Assembly and Council, emphasizing the need to expose the Congress government's shortcomings. He stated that the Congress administration had failed across all sectors and directed BRS representatives to hold the government accountable issue by issue.

**Focus on Education, Musi Beautification, and Hydra**  
A significant focus was placed on the education sector, particularly the poor conditions prevailing in Gurukul schools. KCR instructed party members to bring these concerns to the forefront and demand action. Additionally, he emphasized addressing the stalled Musi River beautification project and concerns



surrounding the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection (HY-DRA) agency.

The BRS intends to use the sessions to intensify its criticism of the Congress government and highlight its governance failures.



### Sridhar Babu Launches T-Fiber Services and Meeseva Mobile App

#### Affordable Internet Access Through T-Fiber Service

#### Minister Launches Meeseva Mobile App with New Services

#### Plans to Expand T-Fiber Connectivity Across Telangana

**TPN , Telangana:** Minister Sridhar Babu officially launched T-Fiber services, providing affordable internet access for residents. The initiative was inaugurated during the Praja Vijayotsava celebrations in Hyderabad. Highlighting the benefits of T-Fiber, Sridhar Babu explained that the service enables seamless usage of mobile devices, computers, and TVs. He assured the public that efforts are underway to enhance and streamline these services.

During the launch, the Minister interacted with residents of Srirampur in Sangareddy district via T-Fiber, showcasing its connectivity potential.

## Telangana Speaker Issues Key Instructions Ahead of Assembly Sessions



**TPN , Telangana:** The Telangana State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council sessions are set to commence tomorrow. Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar extended his gratitude to state government officials, assembly staff, and others for their support in ensuring the smooth conduct of previous sessions.

the dignity and eminence of the House and urged comprehensive discussions on all issues. He directed government officials to provide information requested by members promptly and to address pending questions from earlier sessions without delay.

To enhance discussions, the Speaker suggested that answer papers be sent to members in advance and in multiple languages—Telugu, Urdu, and English—allowing members sufficient time to prepare. He instructed senior officials from all government departments to be available throughout the sessions and proposed appointing a nodal officer for each department to streamline coordination.

The Speaker emphasized maintaining

## CM Revanth Reddy Inspects Telangana Thalli Statue Preparations



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The Speaker also stressed the importance of creating a peaceful atmosphere for the proceedings, urging the police to ensure smooth conduct inside the House and in its vicinity. Traffic arrangements should facilitate members' timely arrival at the Assembly. These measures aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the upcoming legislative sessions while ensuring productive and meaningful discussions.

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Additionally, he introduced the new Meeseva mobile app, which includes services such as loan waivers and bonuses for farmers, making it easier for citizens to access essential services.

Minister Sridhar Babu announced plans to extend T-Fiber connectivity to every home in Telangana. He emphasized that the platform offers comprehensive features equivalent to a computer, boosting digital accessibility across the state. Some areas still require forest department approvals for T-Fiber rollout, which are being addressed. The Chief Minister stressed the importance of balanced development, extending beyond Hyderabad to rural areas. Highlighting employment generation, the government unveiled a new MSME policy after a decade, with phased incentives for small and medium enterprises, addressing a backlog of ₹4,000 crore.

# Harish Rao Releases Chargesheet, Target CM



### BRS Accuses Revanth Reddy of Failing Farmers Harish Rao Highlights BRS Achievements in Agriculture Congress Government Criticized for Lack of Sectoral Development Industrial Corridor Controversy Adds to Political Heat

TPN , Telangana : As the Congress party celebrated its one-year rule in Telangana, opposition parties BRS and BJP released chargesheets highlighting the perceived failures of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government. Former BRS minister Harish Rao led the attack with a scathing critique of the Congress administration.

Releasing the BRS chargesheet, Harish Rao described Revanth Reddy's tenure as a "Rahu period" for farmers and an "eclipse" for agriculture. He accused the Chief Minister of failing to fulfill his promise of implementing a loan waiver for farmers, which he had sworn to prioritize upon taking office. "If he could deceive four crore peo-

ple by swearing on a visible god, deceiving three crore gods is not a big deal," Harish Rao alleged. Highlighting the achievements during BRS's decade-long rule, Harish Rao stated, "In 2014-15, Telangana produced 68 lakh tonnes of rice, which increased to 1.68 crore metric tonnes by 2023-24. The cultivated area also grew from 1.31 crore acres in 2014-15 to 2.22 crore acres by 2023-24. Revanth Reddy should explain who made this possible."

He further criticized the Congress government for failing to develop any sector in its first year, leading to widespread protests by citizens across the state. Harish Rao also mocked Revanth Reddy's participation in the Davos summit, claiming the CM had "exposed his ignorance" on the global stage.

The chargesheet also addressed Revanth Reddy's industrial policies.

Harish Rao accused the CM of backtracking on promises regarding the industrial corridor, allegedly due to pressure from Lagacharla farmers. Referencing K.T. Rama Rao's comments, BRS leaders demanded that Revanth Reddy demonstrate his commitment to employment creation by allocating 500 acres in Kalvakurthi.

The opposition's sharp critique comes amidst celebrations by the ruling Congress, further intensifying the political battle in Telangana. While the Congress hailed its achievements, the BRS and BJP focused on what they called a year of unfulfilled promises and mismanagement.

# Ponguleti Announces Reforms to Dharani Portal

### Dharani Portal Undergoes Revisions for Improved Functionality Minister Announces Transfer of Dharani Management to NIC New 2024 ROR Act to Be Introduced in Assembly for Farmer Benefit

TPN , Telangana: Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy recently announced significant changes to the Dharani portal and the introduction of a new law aimed at benefiting farmers. Addressing the media during the Prajapalana Victory Celebrations in Hyderabad, the Minister highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to rectify issues with the Dharani portal, based on a report from a committee.

The Minister confirmed that, as of December 1, the management of the Dharani portal has been trans-

ferred from a foreign company to the National Informatics Centre (NIC), which is expected to improve its efficiency and service delivery. Additionally, the government is addressing shortcomings in the 2020 Revenue and Organization Rules (ROR) Act and is working on the 2024 ROR Act, which will be presented for approval during the upcoming assembly sessions.

Ponguleti expressed confidence that the new version of the Dharani app and the updated ROR Act will greatly benefit the public, espe-

cially farmers. He emphasized that these changes would streamline the process and make it more user-friendly.

The Minister also noted that while the previous government had abolished the Village Revenue Officer (VRO) system, locals continue to express the need for a dedicated officer to manage revenue villages. Ponguleti assured that the government is considering this demand to ensure effective administration at the local level. The new law and updates to the Dharani portal are ex-



pected to bring positive changes to the governance system, particularly benefiting the rural population.



## KTR Highlights Key Issues in Erravalli Meeting

### BRS to Challenge Government on Farmer Neglect

### KTR Highlights Deterioration in Gurukul Standards

### Dalit and Tribal Farmers' Rights Under Attack

### BRS to Expose Congress' Unfulfilled Promises

TPN , Telangana: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) led a high-level meeting in Erravalli, where party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) directed BRS Legislative Party (LP) members to strongly raise public issues in the Assembly and Legislative Council. KCR emphasized depositing the government over its failures, particularly in agriculture and education.

KTR criticized the Congress government for neglecting farmers, citing inadequate loan waivers, non-functional procurement centers, and unfulfilled promises of bonuses. "Farmers are being insulted through victory celebrations while their issues remain unresolved," KTR said, pledging to voice farmers' concerns in the Assembly.

Addressing education, KTR highlighted deteriorating conditions in Gurukuls, citing findings from a committee led by RS Praveen Kumar. He called for immediate reforms, urging the government to run Gurukuls with proper standards.

KTR also condemned alleged atrocities against Dalit and tribal farmers in areas like Kodanagal and Sangareddy. "Farmers' lands are being grabbed, and 40 farmers, including Patnam Narendar Reddy, are unjustly jailed. The government must release them and apologize unconditionally," he demanded.

Highlighting constitutional violations, KTR pointed to the house arrest of MLAs Kova Lakshmi and Kaushik Reddy, accusing the government of stifling dissent. He vowed to expose the government's mishandling of Dalit Bandhu funds and rural development programs, where village panchayats face a severe financial crisis.

KTR also criticized Congress' "unrealistic promises" and pledged to hold the government accountable for its 420 promises, BC declaration, and public grievances. "BRS will serve as the voice of the people's concerns in the Assembly," he assured. The meeting concluded with a pledge to strongly challenge the government's actions in the Assembly and council, ensuring accountability for the pressing issues in Telangana.

# Komatireddy Inspects Arrangements for Telangana Talli Statue Unveiling

### Minister Komatireddy Inspects Telangana Talli Statue Unveiling Arrangements Political Tensions Rise Ahead of Telangana Talli Statue Unveiling Ceremony CM Revanth Reddy to Unveil Telangana Talli Statue on Sonia Gandhi's Birthday

TPN , Hyderabad : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy inspected the preparations for the unveiling of the Telangana Talli statue at the Secretariat on Sunday, December 8. He confirmed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will unveil the statue on December 9, coinciding with the birthday of Sonia Gandhi, the leader who played a pivotal role in the creation of the separate Telangana state.



Speaking to reporters, Minister Komatireddy emphasized that Telangana represents the common people, particularly the women who resisted the Razakars, and the statue reflects the form of an ordinary woman from that era. He also noted that if BRS Chief and former CM KCR attends the unveiling, it would increase his respect, but if he does not, it would diminish his stature. The Minister also criticized Telangana BJP President Kishan Reddy, pointing out that during the Telangana

movement, BJP MLA Yandala Lakshminarayana had resigned in solidarity, whereas Kishan Reddy did not. He predicted that the people would

teach those leaders who do not attend the unveiling ceremony a lesson. The Revanth Reddy government has personally invited KCR to attend the unveiling. On December 7, Transport Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar delivered the invitation to KCR's farmhouse in Erravalli, Siddipet.

The unveiling ceremony holds significant political and historical meaning, as it marks the day Sonia Gandhi, as UPA president, enabled the formation of the Telangana state on December 9, 2014. The new statue of Telangana Talli, made under the Congress government, contrasts with the previous one created by KCR, leading to ongoing political debates between the opposition BRS and the ruling Congress.

# Sidhu Jonnalagadda Donates Rs. 15 Lakh to Telangana CM's Relief Fund

TPN , Hyderabad : Young actor Sidhu Jonnalagadda, known for his roles in hit films like "DJ Tillu" and "Tillu Square", made a generous contribution to Telangana's flood relief efforts. A few months ago, in response to devastating floods in the Telugu states, Sidhu had announced a donation of Rs. 15 lakh. Today, he visited the Telangana Chief Minister's office along with his father, Sai Krishna Jonnalagadda, to present the cheque.

sibility and praised his timely support for the community in need. The Chief Minister expressed appreciation for Sidhu's gesture.

Also present during the meeting were Dr. C. Rohin Reddy, Mahendra, and producer Kashikonda. As a token of appreciation, CM Revanth Reddy honored Sidhu and his father with traditional shawls, recognizing their contribution to society.

Sidhu's philanthropic effort serves as an inspiring example of young celebrities giving back to the community in times of crisis.



The donation was made to the Telangana Chief Minister's Relief Fund. During the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy congratulated Sidhu for his social respon-



## Ponnam Prabhakar Reviews MJP Schools' Operations

**TPN , Hyderabad.:** Minister Ponnam Prabhakar held a review meeting on the operations of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Gurukul (MJP) through a Zoom conference, focusing on various aspects of student welfare and education quality. The meeting was attended by Gurukul Secretaries, RCOs, DCOs, and principals.

During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the importance of maintaining environmental cleanliness and ensuring the quality of food provided to students. "If any issues arise in schools, the Secretary should be informed immediately, and principals must work towards resolving those problems," he instructed.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar also mentioned that solar plants have been installed in 21 Gurukul schools that have their own buildings. He stressed the need to finalize a new menu with the four society secretaries, prioritizing student health.

He highlighted the importance of providing nutritious food to students and ensuring immediate treatment for any sick children.



Cultural activities should also be prioritized to nurture the creativity of students, the Minister noted. A task force has been set up to monitor the quality standards of both education and food in the Gurukuls. The Minister also encouraged congratulating meritorious students and addressing any special needs they may have.

In preparation for upcoming public exams, he directed teachers to work diligently to help students perform well. Additionally, efforts should be made to identify slow learners and offer them special attention to improve their academic skills. The Minister warned that action would be taken against any officials who act negligently.

## Harish Rao Vows to Expose Congress Failures in Assembly



**TPN , Telangana:** In a BRS meeting held in Siddipet, former Minister Harish Rao addressed key issues concerning the upcoming Assembly session. The meeting, lasting over three hours, focused on strategies to be implemented during the session. Harish Rao confirmed that there would be a vigorous effort to expose the failures of the Congress government over the past year.

He emphasized that the BRS would challenge the legality of the six guarantees promised by the Congress government and would hold them accountable for deceiving farmers. Rao also stated that the BRS would push for the release of two installments of Rythu Bandhu and raise issues related to public welfare in the state.

Harish Rao further hinted at former CM KCR's potential participation in the Assembly, adding that the party's strategies were set to bring the Congress government's shortcomings to light.

## Addanki Dayakar Slams BJP and BRS for Opposing Congress' Achievements

**TPN , Telangana:** Congress spokesperson Addanki Dayakar criticized the BJP and BRS parties, accusing them of being unable to tolerate the successes of the Congress government in Telangana. Speaking about the Congress' progress over the past year, Dayakar condemned BJP President JP Nadda's remarks, calling the party's claims about the Congress guarantees "mere juggling."

Dayakar also expressed frustration with the BJP's negative stance, stating that BJP leaders are merely cursing the government without contributing positively. He targeted Prime Minister Modi and Amit Shah, accusing them of looting the country, comparing them to the East India Company. He criticized the BJP for favoring corporate giants like Adani and Ambani, claiming that Congress does not engage in such exploitation. Dayakar emphasized that the people of Telangana entrusted the Congress with power and are disappointed by the BJP's failure to bring funds from the center.



## Deputy CM Bhatti to Attend Cultural Programs at HMDA Premises



**TPN , Hyderabad :** As part of the ongoing Prajapalana-Praja Vikram Otsavam programs, Honorary Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka will be attending the cultural events organized by the Language and Culture Department at the HMDA premises on Knuckles Road, Hyderabad.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka is currently leaving Praja Bhavan for Knuckles Road to participate in the cultural programs. Media representatives are invited to cover the event and capture the celebrations as part of the cultural festivities.



## Kadiyam Srihari Accuses Kalvakuntla Family of Corruption

**TPN , Telangana:** Former Minister and Congress leader Kadiyam Srihari has accused the Kalvakuntla family of corruption, claiming to have personally witnessed their wrongdoings. Speaking out against the BJP and BRS for spreading false propaganda, he challenged Minister Harish Rao to deny the Congress government's successful loan waiver for farmers, which he described as unprecedented. Srihari also highlighted the creation of 55,000 job opportunities and claimed that the KCR family was responsible for leaving behind thousands of crores in debts from projects like Dhara-



ni, the Liquor scam, and Kaleshwaram.

He emphasized his decision to join the

Congress, saying he could no longer be part of such corruption. Srihari also took aim at KTR, noting his claim of being ready to go to jail, which he believes signifies guilt.

Addressing the development of his Station Ghanpur constituency, Srihari noted the significant financial allocation of Rs 750 crore by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for its growth. He also expressed his commitment to the constituency's progress and expressed confidence in Congress' victory in future local body elections.

## Jagadish Reddy Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy and Congress Government



**TPN , Telangana:** Former Minister Jagadish Reddy has sharply criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of constantly mentioning KCR's name. Speaking to the media in Nalgonda, Reddy remarked that Revanth Reddy fears KCR's influence and

is always preoccupied with the Telangana Chief Minister's actions. He further claimed that KCR is deeply embedded in the minds of the people.

Reddy also expressed strong opposition to the new statue of Telangana Talli, calling it a "statue of Congress Mata" instead. He suggested that if desired, the statue should be placed at Gandhi Bhavan, not the Secretariat. On the development front, Jagadish Reddy emphasized the significant progress made in the region under KCR's leadership. He proudly pointed out that the once-backward Nalgonda district had transformed, with power generation capacity increasing from 7,000 MW to 24,000 MW since 2014. He also thanked Komatireddy Venkata

Reddy for not obstructing the inauguration of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant.

Reddy criticized the Congress government's one-year rule, claiming it had benefitted the pockets of ministers but not the people. He pointed to discrepancies in the Rythu Bandhu, insurance, and loan waiver schemes, accusing the Congress of failing to meet its promises to farmers. Additionally, Reddy slammed Congress leaders for re-launching schemes initiated by KCR's government, such as the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant, Medical College, and Brahmanavellamla projects. He challenged Congress leaders to lay the foundation for new projects and complete them.

## Minister Seethakka Slams Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Over Comments on Naxalites

**TPN , Telangana:** Minister Seethakka has strongly criticized Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar for his recent remarks about "urban Naxalites" in the state cabinet. Speaking in Mahabubabad, Seethakka refuted Sanjay's allegations and highlighted his own contributions to public service, reminding the BJP leader that he had been the only one involved in the Naxal movement and had worked as a lawyer in Warangal.

Seethakka, who has served as a public representative three times, emphasized that it was inappropriate for Sanjay to generalize about the entire state cabinet. He also pointed out the ideological connections of BJP MP Etala Rajender and suggested that Bandi Sanjay should

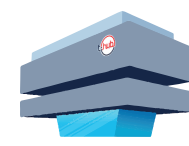
understand the history of Warangal and Karimnagar, which are known for their struggles.

Expressing his disappointment over the social media trolling he faced after becoming a minister, Seethakka demanded that Bandi Sanjay retract his comments. He expressed emotional distress over the attack on his reputation.

The Minister also reaffirmed the Congress government's commitment to creating a peaceful and secure Telangana, with plans for loan waivers for all eligible farmers. He accused the KCR government of deceiving farmers by not fulfilling loan waiver promises and emphasized the need for dedication in



serving the people, rather than seeking positions in the market. Seethakka concluded that the goal of his government is to ensure the welfare of all sections of society.



## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Attends Public Victory Cultural Celebrations in Hyderabad



**TPN , Hyderabad:** As part of the Public Administration – Public Victory Celebrations, Honorary Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka graced the cultural programs organized by the Language and Culture Department at the Knuckles Road HMDA premises in Hyderabad. Deputy CM Vikramarka was warmly welcomed by Information Commissioner Harish upon his arrival. The event featured a vibrant showcase of cultural

performances, with renowned singer Rahul Sipligunj captivating the audience with his soulful music.

The Deputy CM enthusiastically participated in the event, taking time to watch the ongoing performances that highlighted Telangana's rich heritage and artistic talent. The celebrations, organized to honor public administration achievements, provided a platform for cultural expression and public engagement.

Speaking at the occasion, Deputy CM Vikramarka commended the efforts of the Language and Culture Department for promoting the region's diverse cultural traditions. He also expressed appreciation for Rahul Sipligunj's contribution to the program, which added a festive spirit to the celebrations. The event saw significant public participation, reflecting widespread enthusiasm for Telangana's cultural and administrative progress.

## IAF Air Show Enchants Hyderabad



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The skies above Tank Bund lit up on Sunday, December 6, as the Indian Air Force (IAF) hosted a spectacular air show to mark the first anniversary of the Congress government in Telangana. The event drew thousands of spectators who marveled at the precision and artistry of the aerial display.

Nine jets of the renowned Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team took to the skies, performing breathtaking maneuvers like loops, rolls, and heart-shaped formations. Vibrant smoke trails added to the dazzling spectacle, leaving the audience enthralled.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy graced the occasion along with key officials, including Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Minister of Roads and Buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, and Revenue Minister P. Srinivasa Reddy.

To ensure smooth conduct of the event, traffic restrictions were implemented, and police personnel managed crowd control.

The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team, established in 1996, is renowned for its precision flying using nine Hawk Mk 132 aircraft. These aircraft, primarily used for advanced fighter training, showcased daring stunts while maintaining a mere five-metre distance between them, leaving the audience spellbound.

The event not only celebrated the government's milestone but also highlighted the expertise and skill of India's Air Force pilots.

## Sandhya Theater Owner Arrested in Pushpa 2 Stampede Case



**TPN , Hyderabad:** In a tragic turn of events during the premiere show of \*Pushpa 2\* at Sandhya Theater, a stampede occurred, claiming the life of a woman and leaving her son hospitalized. The chaos ensued when actor Allu Arjun visited the theater to watch his film with fans, highlighting a lack of adequate security arrangements.

Following the incident, police registered a case, including Allu Arjun's name in the investigation. In a recent development, three individuals, including the owner and manager of Sandhya Theater, have been arrested. The arrests were made after authorities determined that the management failed to implement necessary security measures, contributing to the stampede.

The Chikkadapalli police have remanded the arrested individuals, intensifying the focus on accountability in such high-profile events. The incident has sparked widespread concern about the safety protocols at public gatherings and the responsibilities of event organizers.

## President Murmu to Visit Telangana and AP

**TPN , Hyderabad:** President of India Draupadi Murmu is scheduled to arrive in Telangana on the 16th of this month for her winter break. She will stay at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Bollaram, Hyderabad, until the 21st. On the 17th, the President will visit Andhra Pradesh to attend the convocation of Mangalagiri AIIMS Medical College in Guntur. District authorities are actively making arrangements for her visit.

The District Collector held a review meeting with AIIMS medical officers, municipal corporation officials, and representatives from revenue and other departments to ensure smooth proceedings. Key suggestions were provided for security measures, logistics, and parking arrangements for officials and dignitaries.

President Murmu inspected the main auditorium, which will host the convocation, and reviewed the seating and program details for the attendees. Officials were instructed to ensure seamless coordination and safety along the President's travel route to and from AIIMS.

This visit marks a significant event for both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, emphasizing the importance of meticulous planning to accommodate the President's itinerary.



## Ponnam Prabhakar Hails Sonia Gandhi's Role in Telangana



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud lauded Sonia Gandhi's pivotal role in the creation of Telangana at the launch of \*Mother of the Soil (Telangana Thalli)\*, a book written by senior journalist Purushottam Naragouni. in fulfilling the promise of statehood. The Minister also praised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for carrying forward Sonia Gandhi's vision for the state. "Revanth Reddy is leading Telangana on the path of development, focusing on rural progress and women's empowerment," he added.

Speaking at the event, Minister Prabhakar emphasized that the long-standing dream of Telangana's statehood was only realized due to Sonia Gandhi's determination and sacrifice. "The perseverance she showed for Telangana will remain etched in history," he said, describing Sonia Gandhi as the "Goddess of Telangana." He also highlighted that the Congress Party's commitment, even after losing power, was instrumental

Purushottam Naragouni, the author, noted that the book was not only dedicated to Sonia Gandhi but also to the dreams of the people of Telangana. The book's delicate writing style and research were also appreciated during the launch event, which was attended by several dignitaries, including Telangana State Journalist Union General Secretary Tokala Anil.

## Governor Attends Tamil Sangam's Annual Day



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, graced the 17th Annual Day Celebrations of the Telangana Thiruvalluvar Tamil Sangam as the chief guest. The special event, held at Raj Bhavan today, also featured the release of the Sangam's calendar for the year. The Governor's participation underscored the significance of promoting cultural unity and fostering strong ties between Tamil and Telugu communities. The event was marked by vibrant cultural displays and the release of the calendar, celebrating Tamil heritage and traditions in Telangana.

## TGSRTC Resumes Bus Services on Teegalkunta-Charminar Route in Hyderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has resumed bus services on the Teegalkunta to Charminar route in the Old City. The service, which had been discontinued three years ago, was flagged off on Sunday, December 8, by AIMIM Bahadurpura MLA Mohd Mubeen, alongside RTC officials.

The reintroduced service aims to ease travel for local residents, particularly students, who previously faced difficulties due to the absence of bus connectivity. The TGSRTC had withdrawn the service citing narrow roads and low occupancy as the primary reasons for the discontinuation.

Additionally, a new bus service between Secunderabad and Teegalkunta has also been introduced to further benefit local commuters.

AIMIM MLA Mubeen had submitted a representa-

tion to RTC authorities, highlighting the difficulties faced by the public. In response, RTC officials conducted a feasibility study, ultimately leading to the reintroduction of the service.

Siasat.com had repeatedly highlighted the problems faced by residents after the discontinuation, bringing attention to the issue that ultimately led to the restoration of the bus route.



## Two Arrested for Offering Fake Job Visas Worth Rs 83 Lakh in Hyderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Two individuals, including a woman, were arrested on Saturday, December 7, for duping job seekers with fake job visas worth Rs 83 lakh. The accused, identified as Yeruva Abhishek Reddy, 30, a resident of Asifnagar, and Thumma Chinamma, 41, a resident of Nizampet, operated a fraudulent office in Himayatnagar.

The duo lured victims with promises of overseas job opportunities, convincing them that no prior experience was needed and that job offers, visas, and accommodation would be arranged within three months. They issued fake visas to 25 candidates, collecting Rs 83 lakh in total. Once the money was paid, the accused avoided contact with the victims.

During the investigation, it was revealed that

Abhishek had used a portion of the defrauded money to purchase a car. Police seized two laptops, five mobile phones, victim agreements, visa approval papers, stamps, and a labor license, all valued at Rs 25 lakh.

Both accused had previously been booked for fraud by Alwal and Narayanguda police. The Commissioner's Task Force North Zone, in coordination with Narayanguda police, apprehended the suspects based on a complaint.

The accused have been booked under sections 318(3)(4) and 316(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanahita (BNS). Authorities are further investigating their network and possible connections to other fraudulent activities.

## Two Constables Killed in Hit-and-Run Incident in Gajwel

**TPN , Telangana:** A tragic hit-and-run incident occurred in Gajwel early this morning, claiming the lives of two constables. The constables, identified as Venkatesh and Parandhamulu, were riding a bike on their way to participate in a marathon in Hyderabad when an unidentified vehicle struck them. The two constables, who were serving at Daulatabad and Raipol police stations, died on the spot.



The incident occurred in the early hours of the morning when the vehicle involved in the accident fled the scene. The police have registered a hit-and-run case and are actively investigating the incident. Both constables hailed from Peddakodur and Gadicharlapalli villages in Siddipet district.

The tragic deaths have cast a shadow of sadness over their families and colleagues. The investigation is ongoing, with authorities determined to track down the vehicle responsible for the crash and bring the perpetrator to justice.

## Two Constables Die in Gajwel Accident; Leaders Express Shock and Condolences

**TPN , Telangana:** Two police constables tragically lost their lives in a hit-and-run incident on the Jaligama bypass in Gajwel town, Siddipet district, on the morning of December 8. The deceased, Parandhamulu, serving at Raipol Police Station, and Venkatesh, stationed at Daulatabad Police Station, were riding a motorcycle en route to participate in a marathon in Hyderabad when they were struck by an unidentified vehicle. The impact of the collision resulted in their deaths on the spot.



The accident has sent shockwaves through the community, with leaders expressing deep sorrow. Former Minister Harish Rao reacted to the incident, calling the deaths shocking and offering his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased constables. He assured the families of his full support during this tragic time.

both hailing from villages in Siddipet district. He conveyed his deepest sympathies, stating that their loss was a significant blow to their families and the community. Prabhakar assured that the authorities would stand by the families and provide necessary support.

Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar also expressed his grief over the loss, highlighting the devastating impact on the families of the young constables,

A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to identify the vehicle and those responsible for the tragic accident.

## Sixth-Grade Student Attempts Suicide Due to Ragging at Gudur Ashram School



**TPN , Telangana:** A tragic incident unfolded at Gudur Ashram Boys School in Mahabubabad district, where a sixth-grade student, Ruthvik, attempted suicide after being subjected to relentless ragging by senior students. Ruthvik, who had been enduring daily harassment by tenth-grade students, took a drastic step by consuming allergy medication in a moment of distress.

The incident came to light when Ruthvik was found unconscious and was immediately rushed to Mahabubabad Area Hos-

pital for treatment. His condition is being closely monitored, and he is currently receiving medical care.

Ruthvik expressed that the constant ragging had left him emotionally devastated, leading to his tragic attempt. This incident highlights the ongoing issue of ragging in schools and the severe emotional toll it can have on young students. Authorities have been notified, and an investigation is underway.

## AR Constable Accused of Attempted Rape of Female Sweeper

**TPN , Telangana:** An alarming incident has been reported from Bhupalpally district, where an Armed Reserve (AR) constable is accused of attempting to rape a female sweeper at the district SP DPO office. The incident allegedly occurred around 10 a.m. yesterday, while the woman was cleaning the office.

According to reports, the constable attempted the assault but fled when the victim screamed for help. It is claimed that an officer tried to downplay the incident, warning that bringing it to light would cause disgrace. This has led to widespread criticism over attempts to cover up the crime.

Authorities have initiated an internal investigation to determine the truth behind the allegations. The case is being closely monitored, and further details are awaited.

## Tension in Sircilla as BRS Car Park Demolished at Midnight

**TPN , Telangana:** Tension erupted in Rajanna Sircilla district after the BRS party's car park was demolished in the early hours of the morning. The incident occurred in Gajasingavaram Stage, Rajeshwar Rao Nagar village, Gambhirapet mandal. The car park, which belonged to the BRS, was brought down without prior notice, sparking outrage among party leaders.



The former sarpanch of the village expressed concerns, suggesting that the demolition was done with deliberate intent. BRS leaders are furious over the incident and plan to bring it to

the attention of Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). This development comes at a time when former Minister Harish Rao is set to release a 'charge sheet' against the Congress government's one-year rule.

The charge sheet will be unveiled at Telangana Bhavan today at 10 am, accompanied by Council Party Leader Madhusudhan Chari and other former ministers. The situation has caused heightened tension in the region as political leaders from both parties prepare to make their statements on the issue.

## KRMB Struggles with Financial and Staff Shortages



**TPN , Telangana :** The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) is grappling with financial challenges and staff shortages, which have hindered its operations, according to recent meetings. The Board approved a budget of Rs. 23.17 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25. However, contributions from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been inadequate. Andhra Pradesh has contributed Rs. 3.35 crore, while Telangana has provided Rs. 7.43 crore, leaving a combined shortfall of Rs. 12.38 crore.

The Board has urged both states to expedite their contributions to ensure smooth operations. KRMB, established under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act of 2014, is an autonomous body tasked with regulating the management of the Krishna River's water resources. It has been facing funding issues, largely relying on contributions from the state governments, as the union government has been slow to provide support.

The financial strain has also created uncertainty regarding the payment of salaries and allowances for KRMB staff. Despite approval for additional allowances for employees, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has raised objections, further complicating the issue.

In addition to funding problems, KRMB is also experiencing a shortage of staff. There are 34 sanctioned positions within the Board, but key vacancies remain unfilled, including superintendent engineer, executive engineer, and deputy executive engineer. The increasing workload in administration and operations is further exacerbating the staffing problem.

The KRMB is considering ways to pressure the state governments to resolve the funding and staffing issues to ensure the smooth functioning of its operations. The Board's ability to manage the river's resources effectively is at risk without timely intervention.

## TUWJ Chief Warns of Protests Over Accreditation Cuts

**TPN , Mancherla:** Telangana Union of Working Journalists (H-143) State president Allam Narayana has urged journalists to be ready for protests to safeguard their rights. Speaking at a membership drive on Sunday, Narayana criticized the government for its lack of concern regarding the challenges faced by journalists, particularly the potential reduction in the number of accreditation cards for working journalists.

Narayana warned that the union would take strong action if the government slashed accreditation cards or imposed restrictions. He highlighted the achievements of the previous government,

including a Rs 100 crore corpus fund for the welfare of journalists, which benefited nearly 4,000 journalists during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, Narayana mentioned that the union had provided Rs 1 lakh compensation to the families of journalists who died in road accidents or due to illnesses.

The meeting was attended by State general secretary Maruthi Sagar, Telangana Electronic Media Journalist Union president Vishnuvardhan Reddy, district unit president D Umesh, general secretary R Srinivas, and other members.



## Student Dies While Playing Volleyball

**TPN , Telangana:** A tragic incident occurred during the ongoing CM Cup celebrations, which are part of the Congress government's Revanth Reddy Sarkar Prajapalana Vijayotsavam, marking the completion of one year of governance. A class 10 student, Sai Puneeth, collapsed and died while playing volleyball during the closing ceremonies of the event.

The incident took place on Sunday in Pamireddy Pale Thanda, Peddamandadi mandal, Wanaparthy district. Puneeth, a student from Balijapalle ZPHS High School, had reportedly fallen earlier in the day while playing Kho Kho but resumed activities. In the afternoon, while playing volleyball, he complained of difficulty breathing and collapsed. Despite being rushed to Wanaparthy hospital, the student was declared dead before reaching the facility.

This tragic incident has cast a shadow over the celebrations, leaving the local community and officials in shock. Further details regarding the cause of death are awaited as investigations continue.

## Two Telangana Workers Go Missing in Thailand

**TPN , Jagtial:** Two workers from Telangana, Shenigarapu Aravind from Jagtial and Kondra Sagar from Nizamabad, have gone missing in Thailand after traveling there for employment. The duo, who left on November 11 in search of work, were in contact with their families until November 21. However, after that, they stopped responding, and their mobile phones

were switched off.

Aravind and Sagar traveled with the help of an agent, Raju, from Metpalli, who promised them permanent jobs in Thailand. However, after arriving on a visit visa, they went missing within 10 days. Their families have lodged a complaint with the Pravasi Prajavani in Hyderabad, seeking help

to trace the workers. Morthad police have registered a case and are investigating the matter, with the agent currently in custody.

This incident is part of a growing issue, with many workers being sent abroad under false promises and facing illegal work situations, especially in Gulf countries.

# HE IS LIKE COLUMBUS, INVENTING HIS OWN SUCCESS

Yes, he is Columbus in inventing his own success. He is a stork in separating his troubles aside and striving towards education & career. He is a gold fish, who swam the pool of hurdles with rapid speed. His eyes were on the ball, not the scoreboard, such that the results were nothing short of spectacular. As of now, his revenues is worth Rs. 200 Cr and growing. Once he was a citizen of India, residing in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, and now he is a Singapore citizen. Back then, he had no money to study and struggled to make ends meet. Now, he is the one employing hundreds, if not thousands, in running a group of businesses with an annual turnover value of Rs. 200 Crores. 10 businesses with 38 companies across 18 countries—that is the stature of Mr. Muvva Vijay Kumar now.

Mr. Muvva Vijay Kumar of ENSOFT Group had opened his heart with POINT. He pushed through his childhood struggles, empowering him to reach his current position, making his journey quite the inspiring one. Mr. Muvva Vijay Kumar has completed his education with his own income earned from taking part time jobs (rather full-time jobs during the night) starting from class 10. He accomplished his higher education in KBN College as well as MBA in Nagarjuna University, graduating with one of the highest scores. He mentioned that his tenth-class school principal, Mr Luther, was his first life mentor. Though his relatives were in somewhat good positions financially and his own family was rather weak, but hardly he could get help from anyone. He had a very strong attachment with his mother, who worked as an Anganwadi teacher. Many will dream and become ambitious in their interested fields. But Mr. Vijay Kumar didn't plan and didn't dream about the present position. He never had a vision of becoming an entrepreneur himself. But he strived towards whatever he faced and achieved whatever he witnessed. From childhood, he was used to getting some prize in some competition every year. In his college time, he had written an article named "Whose college is this anyway?" and just shared it with his lecturer. The lecturer pub-



**Muvva Vijay Kumar**  
Founder & Chairman, Ensoft

lished it in the college magazine, which got appreciations for Vijay Kumar from his classmates and lecturers. "It's a surprise appreciation for me," he explained. After completing his MBA in 1997, he went to Chennai, as his relatives were staying there. There, he touched IT in terms of hardware and networking. He was used to assemble systems and install all the software. "Daytime I worked as a salesperson, and in the late evenings, I used to assemble computers at the customers' homes. That income helped me a lot to survive in Chennai", he describes. Once an astrologer stated that Mr. Vijay would go abroad. From then onwards, Mr. Vijay tried to get jobs abroad by appearing in different exams and interviews. Once identifying his MBA Marketing degree, a person from Malaysia sent an invitation to Vijay to work with him. "Then I went

to Malaysia and started working there. But in a few days, that company closed down due to financial troubles. I had gotten a six-month visa, so I tried for a job at another place and got it. But, I had a visa renewal problem. Then suddenly one day, Mr. Prabhat Kumar came to my working place and I suggested him a good laptop. By identifying my knowledge and skills, he asked me to repair his computer at home. After our interaction, he offered me to take care of his company in Brunei, believing in my abilities." Afterwards, he took a break and came to India. Due to visa problems and having a return ticket to Singapore, he went to Singapore on a travel visa. "My most success is in sales and marketing only. Identifying the current needs, I used to suggest suitable technical products to the customers. That eventually made me a successful en-

trepreneur." The discretion shown by the owner of the company towards Mr. Vijay Kumar made him the entrepreneur he is today. He started his own company in 2007 and achieved a breakeven within 4 months. In 2009, when sub-prime crisis hit the global economy, he faced severe financial problems, where he couldn't even procure a milk bottle for his own child. This situation ignited a change of business model in his mind. "Depending on only one business is not advisable. That's when I decided to have seamless expansion, continuous innovation and diversification as my primary motto to continue to excel in business. That is why I am running 10 different types of businesses which are unrelated to each other with 38 companies across 18 countries." Answering the question of how he manages multiple businesses, he said, "I observe, find suit-

able persons, and identify their skills in order to start suitable businesses in a profit-sharing model, but yet paying a monthly salary also to the business partner chosen. I have witnessed both good and bad experiences. Many backstabbing incidents have happened in my business journey. But I never lose confidence in talent and good people. I have continued my habit of believing in people and innovative concepts." Mr. Muvva Vijay Kumar believes in the phrase "Charity starts from family." Along his journey, he helped his own family, relatives and friends. "Everything else will come after my family, relatives and friends, and my native place," he affirmed. To this day, he still helps many people and the present generation ought to learn from his success, and he is the torchbearer for many aspiring entrepreneurs from the middle and lower middle class.



## The Story Behind the Rebels' Flag That May Soon Symbolize Syria

As Syrians awoke to a transformed country, the rebel flags that had once symbolized resistance now replaced the ubiquitous posters of President Bashar al-Assad, signaling the end of his family's decades-long rule. The rebels' declaration of Assad's fall, following a swift offensive that toppled his regime, marks a significant moment in Syria's turbulent history. This shift could soon lead to the adoption of a new official flag for the country, one that may symbolize a break from the past.

**Current Syrian Flag**  
**The current flag, in use since 1980, is a symbol of Arab unity, with each color representing a distinct aspect of Syria's history.**

- Red represents the blood shed during the revolution for Syrian freedom.
- White symbolizes the hope for a peaceful future.
- Green stars in the center represent Syria and Egypt, the two founding states of the United Arab Republic.
- Black stands for the oppression Arabs have endured.

This flag was first adopted in 1958 when Syria gained independence from European influence and formed the United Arab Republic with Egypt. The country changed its flag several times between 1961 and 1980 before settling on the cur-



rent design. With Assad's regime now overthrown, there are calls for a new flag, reflecting the changing political landscape.

### Rebel Flag and Its Significance

As the rebels celebrated their victory,

the green, white, black, and red opposition flags were seen throughout Syria, replacing Assad's imagery. The flag became a symbol of defiance and revolution. In fact, it was raised in jubilant demonstrations not just across Syria, but also in countries like Germany, Tur-

key, and Greece, where Syrian expatriates showed their support. In Athens, supporters even raised the rebel flag at the Syrian embassy, though police detained four people while allowing the flag to remain. The rebel flag closely resembles the cur-

rent Syrian flag, with the same green, white, and black color scheme, but it features three red stars in the center. This design is a modified version of Syria's independence flag, first used in 1932 when the country gained independence from France. The opposition has embraced this flag to symbolize Syria's break from Assad's rule and a return to the ideals of independence.

### The End of Assad's Regime

The whereabouts of Bashar al-Assad remain unclear after his regime collapsed. Russia, one of Assad's key backers, confirmed that he fled Syria following a peaceful handover of power. Rebel leader Abu Mohammed al-Jolani, speaking on Syria's state television, declared that the fight for Syria's future would continue. He vowed to "complete the path we started in 2011," referring to the year when Assad's crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy protesters triggered the ongoing civil war. While Assad's location is still unknown, Prime Minister Mohammed al-Jalali expressed readiness to cooperate with any new leadership chosen by the Syrian people. This marks a new chapter for Syria, one that could soon be symbolized by the flag of the revolutionaries who helped bring down a dictator's decades-long reign.



## Sharad Pawar Supports Mamata Banerjee's Bid to Lead INDIA Bloc

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Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has expressed his backing for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's statement about her willingness to lead the opposition INDIA bloc. Pawar, speaking to reporters in Kolhapur on Saturday, described Banerjee as a "capable leader" and affirmed her right to express her intent to head the alliance.

Pawar's comments come after Banerjee, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief, stated earlier this week that she could manage both the responsibilities of leading the opposition bloc and continuing her role as the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Her remarks have sparked conversations within the opposition camp, especially as tensions rise within the INDIA alliance. Dissatisfaction has been brewing among several regional parties, and the Congress party's recent setbacks in Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, and Maharashtra have added to the discord.

In response to Banerjee's statement, Pawar praised her leadership abilities, saying, "She is a capable leader in the country and has the right to say it. The MPs she has sent to Parliament are hardworking and aware."

Pawar's support provides a significant endorsement for Banerjee as the opposition alliance navigates leadership dynamics ahead of upcoming elections.

## BJP Claims Sonia Gandhi Linked to Group Funded by George Soros

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday alleged that former Congress President Sonia Gandhi has ties to an organization funded by the George Soros Foundation, which has supported the idea of an independent Kashmir. The BJP's allegations center around Gandhi's role as co-president of the Forum of the Democratic Leaders in Asia Pacific (FDL-AP) Foundation, which they claim is connected to the Soros-backed group.

In a series of posts on X, the ruling party highlighted what it termed the influence of foreign entities in India's internal affairs. The BJP contended that this association reflects an attempt by foreign groups to influence Indian politics, especially regarding Kashmir.

"Notably, the FDL-AP Foundation has expressed views supporting the idea of Kashmir as a separate entity," the BJP said. "This link between Sonia Gandhi and an organization that has advocated for an independent Kashmir demonstrates the political impact of foreign-backed organizations in India," the party added.

The BJP further referenced Gandhi's previous leadership of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, which they claim had ties to the George Soros Foundation, illustrating foreign influence on Indian institutions. The party also raised concerns about Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's public acknowledgment of Soros as an "old friend."

In addition, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey criticized Rahul Gandhi for using



reports from the Soros-funded Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) to attack the Adani Group. The BJP claims that this connection indicates a coordinated effort between the opposition and foreign entities to undermine the Indian economy and discredit Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government.

"The live telecast of Rahul Gandhi's press conference on Adani, funded by OCCRP, shows the deep and dangerous relationship between these groups. They are working to derail the Indian economy," the BJP alleged.

The controversy escalated following BJP's earlier claims that U.S.-funded organizations, including OCCRP, had colluded with the opposition to tarnish India's image. However, a spokesperson from the U.S. embassy

in New Delhi dismissed these accusations, calling them "disappointing" and emphasizing the U.S. government's commitment to media freedom globally. The embassy also clarified that its programs supporting independent journalism did not influence editorial decisions.

The BJP's claims come after Dubey, reacting to the embassy's rejection of the accusations, stated that the U.S. embassy's admission of funding for OCCRP and Soros-linked organizations further supported his position. He also announced that he would raise ten questions in the Lok Sabha to seek clarification from Rahul Gandhi on the issue.

The opposition, led by the Congress party, has yet to formally respond to the BJP's latest allegations.

## BJP's Rahul Narwekar Set to Be Elected Unopposed as Maharashtra Assembly Speaker

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BJP's Rahul Narwekar is poised to be re-elected unopposed as the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly after the opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) decided not to field a candidate. Narwekar, who previously served as Speaker in the 14th Assembly for two and a half years, is set to assume the position once again.

Narwekar, who represents the Colaba assembly seat in Mumbai, was re-elected in the recent Maharashtra elections. On Sunday, he filed his nomination for the Speaker's post, accompanied by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, and other leaders. The nomination was submitted to the legislature secretary, Jitendra Bhole.

During his previous tenure as Speaker, Narwekar made pivotal rulings, including declaring the faction led by Eknath Shinde as the legitimate Shiv Sena and recognizing the group led by Ajit Pawar as the real Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) after a split in both parties.

The formal election of the Speaker will be announced in the Assembly



on Monday, followed by a floor test to demonstrate the strength of the new government. Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan is expected to address a joint session of both Houses of the state legislature after the proceedings.

Meanwhile, MVA leaders met with Fadnavis and urged him to follow protocol by allocating the deputy speaker's post to the opposition and seeking the post of the Leader of the Opposition.

The Maharashtra Legislative Assembly is now dominated by the Mahayuti coalition, which includes the BJP, Shiv

Sena, and NCP factions, with over 230 of the 288 seats. The MVA, in contrast, secured only 46 seats in the recent elections.

**The composition of the 15th Maharashtra Assembly is as follows:**

- **Mahayuti:** BJP 132, Shiv Sena 57, NCP 41, Jan Surabaya Shakti Party 2, Rashtriya Yuva Swabhiman Party 1, Rashtriya Samaj Paksh 1, Independents 2, Rajarshi Shahu Vikas Aghadi 1
- **Opposition:** Shiv Sena (UBT) 20, Congress 16, NCP (SP) 10, CPM 1, PWP 1, AIMIM 1, Samajwadi Party 2.

## PM Modi Hails Indian Priest George Jacob Koovakad's Elevation as Cardinal

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed his joy and pride over the elevation of Indian priest George Jacob Koovakad to the rank of Cardinal in the Holy Roman Catholic Church by Pope Francis. Modi took to social media to congratulate Koovakad, highlighting his lifelong dedication to humanitarian service as an ardent follower of Jesus Christ. "A matter of great joy and pride for India! Delighted at His Eminence George Jacob Koovakad being created a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church by His Holiness Pope Francis," the Prime Minister wrote on X (formerly Twitter). He further praised Koovakad, saying, "His Eminence George Cardinal Koovakad has devoted his life in service of humanity as an ardent follower of Lord Jesus Christ. My best wishes for his future endeavors."

Koovakad, 51, was formally elevated to cardinal during a grand consistory held at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on Saturday. The ceremony, which included 21 new cardinals from across the globe, was attended by clergy and dignitaries worldwide. The Vatican event began at 8:30 PM



IST with a procession of the cardinal-designates to the altar, where Pope Francis handed each of them a cap, ring, and a certificate, followed by prayers.

Koovakad's appointment brings the total number of Indian cardinals to six, further strengthening India's presence at the Vatican and showcasing the country's growing representation in the Catholic Church.

## Dronaam, India's Anti-Drone System, Neutralizes 55% of Drones

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Home Minister Amit Shah announced that India's indigenous counter-unmanned aerial system (C-UAS), Dronaam, has successfully neutralized 55 percent of drones along the India-Pakistan border in Punjab, significantly enhancing border security. This achievement is attributed to the use of a "laser-equipped anti-drone gun-mounted" mechanism that has shown promising results.

Speaking at the 60th Raising Day of the Border Security Force (BSF), Shah highlighted the success of Dronaam and commended the Border Security Force for its vigilance. "I sleep fearlessly at night knowing that you are guarding our borders. The new system installed has proven to be a great success," Shah said.

The system, developed by Guruvaa Systems, has greatly improved drone detection and neutralization capabilities, with figures jumping from just 3 percent to 55 percent. The Home Minister emphasized the growing threat of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) and assured that India is taking a "whole of government" approach to tackle this menace, collaborating with defense and research organizations, including DRDO.

Dronaam is a cutting-edge, modular system designed to offer foolproof protection against illegal drones. It is versatile, capable of both directional and omni-directional coverage, making it adaptable for various security needs. The system can be used in a rifle-style configuration or as a portable countermeasure in a



backpack form, and it is effective in both fixed installations and mobile setups.

The technology uses laser rays to neutralize drones by jamming their hardware, effectively disabling their operations. Inspector Pawan Kumar, who operates Dronaam, explained to

NDTV, "With the help of laser rays, we can neutralize the drone."

This year, over 260 drones have been downed or recovered along the India-Pakistan border, compared to around 110 in 2023. The majority of these interceptions, involving drones carrying arms and drugs, have taken place in Punjab, with fewer incidents reported in Rajasthan and Jammu.

Shah also addressed the ongoing efforts to strengthen India's border security through the Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS), which is being deployed along the borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh. The system has shown promising results in areas like Assam's Dhubri region, although some

improvements are still necessary.

In addition to strengthening border security, Shah outlined the government's commitment to bolstering border infrastructure. The Union government has sanctioned significant funding for fencing, road construction, and logistics, with 573 new border posts and 1,812 km of roads created under Prime Minister Modi's leadership.

BSF Director General Daljit Singh Chawdhary revealed that 190 drone devices had been seized and mapped, with data shared with other agencies for further investigation.

Shah concluded by reiterating the importance of the country's security forces, stating, "Securing global recognition and the number one place for India by 2047 is not possible without the dedication of our security personnel guarding our borders."

# Indians in Syria Safe, Embassy Operational in Damascus

Sources have confirmed that all Indian nationals in Syria are safe, and the Indian embassy in Damascus remains operational, providing support to those in the war-torn country.

Despite the ongoing conflict, the embassy continues to be in regular contact with Indian citizens in Syria, offering assistance when needed. The situation has escalated as Islamist-led rebels announced they had liberated Syria from the regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

Earlier, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had issued an advisory urging Indian nationals in Syria to leave the country via the earliest available commercial flights. This advisory was issued before the rebels breached the capital, Damascus.

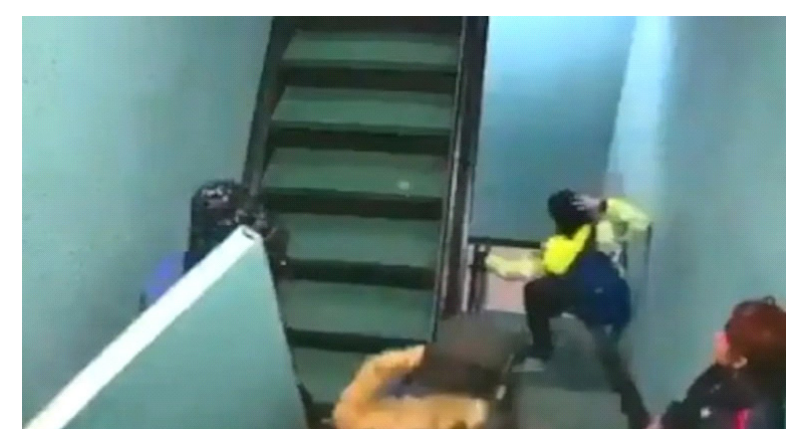
The MEA advised Indian nationals to avoid travel to Syria and remain in contact with the embassy for updates. The embassy's emergency helpline number is +963 993385973 (also available on WhatsApp), and the contact email is hoc.damascus@mea.gov.in. It also urged those who could leave to



do so immediately and advised others to stay cautious and limit their movements. India's Ministry of External Affairs has been closely monitoring the situation, particularly the recent escalation of fighting in northern Syria. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "We have taken note of the recent escalation in fighting in the north of Syria. We are closely following the situation." There are approximately 90 Indian nationals in Syria,

including 14 working with various UN organizations. Meanwhile, Syria's rebels have claimed victory, with the leader of the Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, Abu Mohammed al-Jolani, arriving in Damascus following the rebels' seizure of the capital. The group declared the ousting of President Bashar al-Assad, whose whereabouts remain unclear after reports suggested he may have fled the country. In a statement read on Syr-

ian state television, which was also captured by rebels, al-Jolani declared the triumph of their cause, saying, "We continue to work with determination to achieve the goals of our revolution... We are determined to complete the path we started in 2011." The Syrian conflict began in 2011 after Assad's crackdown on pro-democracy protests, which escalated into a devastating civil war involving foreign forces and jihadist groups.



## Indian-Origin Man, 20, Shot Dead in Canada; Second Death in a Week

Edmonton, Canada – In a tragic incident on Friday, Harshandeep Singh, a 20-year-old Indian-origin man working as a security guard in Edmonton, Canada, was shot dead in what authorities are calling a gang-related attack. The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) responded to the scene at around 12:30 a.m. following a report of gunfire inside an apartment building on 107 Avenue. Officers discovered Singh's unresponsive body in a stairwell and immediately attempted to administer first aid. He was rushed to the hospital but was declared dead shortly after.

CCTV footage circulating on social media shows a harrowing sequence of events, where Singh is pushed down the stairs by one of the three suspects, while another member of the gang shoots him from behind.

Two individuals, 30-year-old Evan Rain and Judith Saulteaux, have been arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Police also recovered a weapon linked to the crime. An autopsy is scheduled to take place on Monday to confirm the cause of death.

"The EPS typically does not release the names of deceased individuals unless a homicide is confirmed, but in this case, we are doing so to aid the investigation and address any public safety concerns," said EPS Homicide Staff Sgt. Rob Bilawey in a press statement.

This marks the second murder of an Indian-origin individual in Canada within a week. On December 1, 22-year-old Gurasish Singh, a first-year business management student at Lambton College in Ontario, was fatally stabbed by his housemate, 36-year-old Crossley Hunter, following a violent altercation. Hunter has been charged with second-degree murder.

Authorities are continuing their investigations into both incidents, as the Canadian-Indian community grapples with these shocking tragedies.



## Netanyahu Calls Overthrow of Assad in Syria a 'Historic Day' for Middle East

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the overthrow of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad as a "historic day" for the Middle East, describing it as the fall of a "central link in Iran's axis of evil." Speaking from the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, Netanyahu attributed the events to the series of military actions Israel has carried out against Iran and its allies, Hezbollah and Palestinian Hamas. These strikes, Netanyahu said, had "triggered a chain reaction across the Middle East," empowering those resisting Assad's oppressive regime.

The Israeli Prime Minister noted that the downfall of Assad presents Israel with "significant new opportunities," though he acknowledged that it also carries risks. He stressed Israel's commitment to a "good neighbour policy," extending peace offers to various ethnic and religious groups in Syria, including Druze, Kurds, Christians, and Muslims who wish to live peacefully alongside Israel.

Syria's diverse population includes significant minorities such as Christians, Alawites, Kurds, and Druze, an ethno-religious Arab group with large communities in Israel and Lebanon. Netanyahu emphasized that Israel would "closely monitor developments" and take necessary steps to protect its border and security, particularly by deploying military forces to a demilitarized buffer zone along the Syrian border.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz echoed Netanyahu's sentiment, saying Iran's influence is being "severed one by one" as its allies are weakened.

The Syrian rebels' successful overthrow of Assad marks a dramatic shift in the Syrian Civil War, which began in 2011. The rebels' offensive, which began on November 27, ended more than five decades of rule by Assad and his late father, Hafez al-Assad. Iran, Hezbollah, and Russia had long supported Assad's regime, providing significant military backing. Israel, which has carried out hundreds of airstrikes in Syria since the civil war began, has consistently targeted Iranian forces and Iran-backed groups to prevent Tehran's expansion in the region.

Netanyahu's comments reflect Israel's growing concern over Iran's influence in Syria, particularly after the recent escalation in hostilities with Hezbollah in neighboring Lebanon. Despite the risks, Israel views the collapse of Assad's regime as an opportunity to reshape the balance of power in the region.

# South Korean Opposition Plans New Impeachment Push To Oust President Yoon

South Korea's political turmoil escalated on Sunday as the main opposition party announced plans to once again attempt to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol following his short-lived declaration of martial law earlier this week. The crisis reached new heights as Lee Jae-myung, leader of the Democratic Party (DP), stated that if President Yoon does not resign by December 14, the opposition will proceed with an impeachment motion.

The move comes after a failed attempt to impeach the president late Saturday. In South Korea's 300-member National Assembly, the opposition parties' impeachment motion required 200 votes to pass. However, the motion was doomed to fail due to a near-total boycott by Yoon's People Power Party (PPP).

President Yoon had appeared briefly on Saturday to apologize for the chaos and anxiety caused by his martial law declaration, which he rescind-



ed after six hours. Despite the apology, Yoon stopped short of resigning, leaving his fate to the decision of his party. The leader of the PPP, Han Dong-hoon, later indicated that Yoon would be excluded from key state affairs until his eventual resignation. However, opposition lawmakers and legal experts decried the move as an unconstitutional delegation of power.

The opposition DP has demanded an immediate sus-

pension of Yoon's presidential duties and called for his authority over the military to be stripped. National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik also criticized the actions as unconstitutional and proposed a meeting to discuss suspending Yoon's powers. Meanwhile, police have arrested former Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun and Interior Minister Lee Sang-min, both of whom resigned after the martial law debacle. The two,

along with President Yoon, are under investigation for alleged insurrection. South Korean prosecutors have formally named Yoon, Kim, and martial law commander Park An-su as subjects of an insurrection investigation, a crime that could result in life imprisonment or even death.

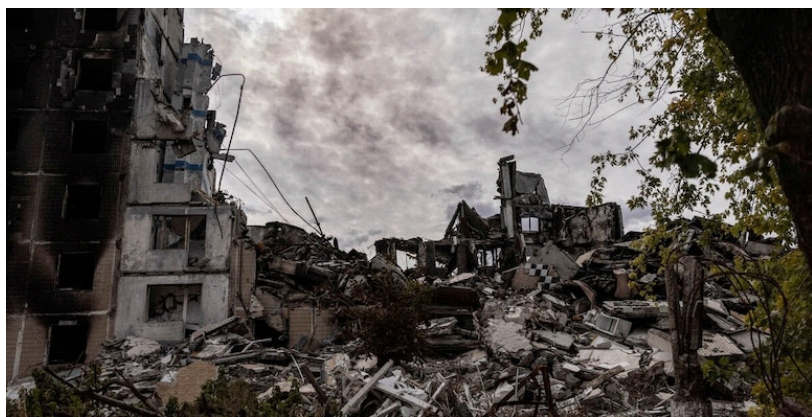
Protests continued to grow, with large crowds gathering outside the National Assembly to demand the president's ouster. Police estimated the crowd at 150,000, while organizers claimed over a million protesters took part, many waving flags and chanting against the government.

Prime Minister Han Duck-soo sought to reassure the public and international allies, including the United States and Japan, by emphasizing the cabinet's efforts to restore trust and order. He also stressed that military leaders, including the acting defense minister, would refuse any orders to impose another round of martial law.

# 43,000 Ukrainian Troops Killed, Kyiv Wants 'Enduring' Peace: Zelensky

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has revealed that 43,000 Ukrainian troops have been killed in combat as the country continues its nearly three-year war against Russia. Speaking on Sunday after a meeting with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump in Paris, Zelensky stressed the need for an "enduring" peace, one that Russia cannot destroy in the future, amid a continuing escalation of deadly attacks in recent weeks.

"Ukrainians want peace more than anyone else. Russia brought war to our land, and it is Russia that most seeks to disrupt the possibility of peace," Zelensky stated. The war, which began in 2022, has devastated Ukraine, leaving thousands dead and millions displaced. In his social media post, Zelensky underscored that Ukraine would only agree



to a peace deal that ensures long-term stability and security, warning that "war cannot be endless – only peace must be permanent and reliable." Zelensky also expressed disappointment in Russia's stance on negotiations, saying that peace talks would only be possible with guarantees that Russia could not repeat its actions in the future. "We need a just and enduring peace – one

that the Russians will not be able to destroy in a few years, as they have done repeatedly in the past," he said.

Trump, who met Zelensky alongside French President Emmanuel Macron at the Elysee Palace, previously suggested he could end the war quickly but did not provide specifics on how he would achieve this. Trump has advocated for an "immediate ceasefire" and

urged for the resumption of talks, arguing that the conflict could escalate into something far worse if not resolved soon. While Trump has emphasized the importance of peace talks, the Kremlin remains firm in its demands. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov accused Ukraine of "refusing" negotiations, asserting that Russia's conditions for peace remain unchanged, including the requirement for Ukraine to relinquish control of four regions. Peskov referred to a Ukrainian decree from 2022 that ruled out talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, though negotiations with other Russian officials have not been ruled out.

A senior Ukrainian official confirmed that the two presidents discussed "key conditions" for ending the war, though no specific details were disclosed.



## Markets Likely to Gain on RBI Liquidity Measures and Positive Global Cues



The RBI's decision to keep interest rates unchanged is likely to influence stock markets this week. Banking-related sectors could gain momentum due to the reduction in the cash reserve ratio. Positive signals from global markets and the return of foreign institutional investors are expected to drive indices higher. Last week, strong buying was observed in consumer durables, media, metal, realty, tourism, and PSU bank sectors, and a similar trend may continue this week.

### Stock Recommendations

**Tata Motors:** After hitting a lifetime high in July, these shares have gradually fallen. They have lost almost 36%. Accumulation is currently underway after taking support at the Rs. 770 level. Last Friday, investors closed at Rs. 816 with a gain of 3.06% on good volume. Take a position in the range of Rs. 810 with a target price of 870/890. Place a stop loss at Rs. 790.



**Transport Corporation of India:** The shares are cur-

rently trading at lifetime highs. They gained consecutively with good momentum last week. EPS, sales, profit, and operating margins are improving in every quarter. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 1206 last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs. 1150/1180 with a target price of Rs. 1450/1500. Place a stop loss at Rs. 1110.



**Varun Beverages:** These shares have been in an uptrend for a long time. Currently, consolidation is taking place at lifetime highs. A base is being formed. Momentum is only increasing now. Momentum investors should buy at Rs.630/620 with a target price of Rs.740 on Friday. Stop loss is mandatory at Rs.600.



**Angel One:** The finance and stock broking sector is currently bullish. These shares have been in Stage 2 since August this year. These shares, which rallied 58% in August, are showing strength compared to the Nifty. Investors should take a position at Rs.3250 with a target price of Rs.3550 on this counter, which closed with a gain of 2.2%. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.3200.



**Castrol India:** These shares, which touched a lifetime high in July, later underwent a gradual correction. They fell by 34% due to the poor market conditions. The key support level has turned around at Rs.186. It has risen by 24% in the last two weeks. In this counter, which closed at Rs.222 last Friday, a position should be taken at Rs.210/200 with a target price of Rs.260/280. A stop loss at Rs.190 is mandatory.



## Govt Plans to Slash Logistics Costs, Says Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, announced the government's plan to reduce logistics costs in India to single-digit levels within the next two to three years, aiming for a major boost in the country's economic competitiveness.



Currently, logistics costs in India range between 14-16%, but Gadkari expressed confidence that this figure will be brought down to 9% over the next few years. This reduction, he said, would significantly enhance the country's efficiency and competitiveness in global markets.

The government has implemented several key initiatives to improve the logistics sector, including the Prime Minister Gati Shakti-National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) and the National Logistics Policy (NLP). These policies aim to address current constraints and streamline logistics infrastructure in the country.

Addressing an event in Mumbai, Gadkari also highlighted India's ambitious future plans for alternative and bio-fuels. The minister projected that in the next decade, India will lead the world in the production and use of alternative fuels, including hydrogen, biomass, and CNG. He emphasized that these fuels, along with innovative technologies like biomass and biodigester systems, would help meet the country's energy needs sustainably.

Gadkari further mentioned that toll income from the country's highways, which currently stands at ₹52,000 crore, is expected to rise to ₹1.4 lakh crore

within the next two years. The government is actively building green express highways, with the minister assuring that funding for these projects is not a concern due to their economic viability. Additionally, with strong support from the Finance Ministry and a budget of ₹2.8 lakh crore, the government is fully committed to driving infrastructure development.

He also acknowledged the role of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has prioritized infrastructure development, focusing on crucial sectors like water, power, transport, and communication. The minister stressed the importance of innovation and collaboration to tackle challenges in infrastructure development, ensuring that projects are completed on time and within budget. Gadkari also pointed to India's impressive export growth from 2000 to 2022, with goods exports increasing from \$48.5 billion to \$467.5 billion. The government aims to achieve \$2 trillion in exports of goods and services by 2030.

## Laurus Labs Secures Rs 120 Cr Investment from Eight Roads Ventures and F-Prime Capital



Laurus Labs Ltd. announced today that its subsidiary, Laurus Bio, has secured an equity investment of ₹120 crore from Eight Roads Ventures and F-Prime Capital. In addition to the investment, Laurus Labs has agreed to co-invest an additional ₹40 crore at the same valuation. The press release from Laurus Labs also revealed that share warrants have been issued to the promoters of Laurus Bio, which can be exercised within two years from the date of issue at the same valuation. Furthermore, Laurus Labs or Eight Roads Ventures have the option to invest an additional ₹35 crore before December 2025 under the same terms. Following the transaction, the ownership distribution will be as follows: Laurus Labs will hold 75%, Eight Roads Ventures will hold 14%, and the promoters of Laurus Bio will retain 9% on a fully diluted basis. The equity infusion will be utilized to expand Laurus Bio's fermentation-based manufacturing capabilities to meet increasing customer demand. Dr. Satyanarayana Chava, Founder & CEO of Laurus Labs, and Rajesh Krishnamurthy, CEO of Laurus Bio, expressed their excitement about the

partnership. "We are pleased to announce our re-engagement with Eight Roads Ventures and the continued commitment of Laurus Labs with an additional investment in Laurus Bio. This collaboration will support the expansion of our manufacturing and R&D infrastructure, enabling faster product development, scaling up commercial capacity, and accelerating growth opportunities," they said. Dr. Prem Pavor, Managing Partner of Eight Roads Ventures India, also shared his enthusiasm about the deal. "We are excited to reunite with Laurus Labs and Laurus Bio, which has developed a best-in-class biomanufacturing platform to meet the global demand for sustainable manufacturing technologies. We look forward to growing Laurus Bio into a global leader in biomanufacturing, a sector with applications across industries like personal care, nutrition, pharmaceuticals, and materials," he stated. Laurus Bio, formerly known as Rich-core Lifesciences, is focused on advancing microbial fermentation capabilities to enhance its product pipeline and expand its commercial scale capacity.

## India Records 67% Growth in Exports Over 10 Years

Reaches \$778 Billion in FY 2023-24

India has achieved remarkable growth in its export sector, with total exports reaching \$778 billion in FY 2023-24, marking an impressive 67% increase from \$466 billion in FY 2013-14. This growth reflects the surging demand for Indian products across various global markets, boosted by strategic government initiatives aimed at sustaining and accelerating export performance.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, highlighted that India's share in world merchandise exports has also risen, improving from 1.66% to 1.81%, while its global ranking advanced from 20th to 17th. These achievements were revealed in response to a parliamentary query. India's trade performance for the first half of 2024 showed a 5.45% year-on-year increase, reaching a total of \$576 billion compared to the same period in 2023. The country's merchandise exports rose by 5.95% in Q1 FY25, totaling \$110 billion, while imports grew by 8.40%, amounting to \$173 billion, leading to a widening trade imbalance.

Notably, India's export growth to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners was strong at 12%, while imports from



these regions increased by 10.29%. Despite a decline in iron and steel exports by 33% in Q1 FY25—due to weak domestic demand and oversupply from China—India's export performance in other sectors, particularly electronics and semiconductors, remains robust.

North America was the largest recipient of Indian exports, accounting for 21% of the total, followed by the European Union at 18.61%. Meanwhile,

India's imports were largely sourced from Northeast Asia, West Asia (GCC), and ASEAN, which together comprised 51% of total imports.

The report, issued by NITI Aayog, shows that India's overall trade balance continues to demonstrate stability, with sustained growth across various export categories and a promising outlook for future trade performance.

## Study Shows UPI Boosts Financial Inclusion, Economic Growth, and Access to Credit

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has played a key role in enhancing financial inclusion and promoting equitable economic growth, according to a study by professors from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and the Indian School of Business (ISB). The research highlights how UPI has expanded access to formal credit, particularly for underserved groups, and suggests that India's success with UPI can serve as a model for other countries.

Since its launch in 2016, UPI has transformed the landscape of digital payments in India, enabling over 300 million individuals and 50 million merchants to conduct seamless digital transactions. By October 2023,



UPI accounted for 75% of all retail digital payments in India, with its rapid adoption driven by the affordability of internet services across the country. The study emphasizes how UPI has become a tool for financial empowerment, facilitating digital transactions from street vendors to large shopping malls. It further notes that a 10% increase in UPI transactions led to a 7% rise in credit availability, as digital financial histories enabled lenders to assess borrowers more effectively.

Between 2015 and 2019, fintech loans to subprime borrowers grew in tandem with those provided by traditional banks, particularly in regions with high UPI usage. Fintech lenders scaled rapidly, increasing their loan volumes by 77 times, far surpassing banks in serving smaller, underserved borrowers. Despite the surge in credit, the study found that default rates remained stable, indicating that UPI-enabled data helped lenders make responsible lending decisions.

The authors of the study suggest that the success of UPI in India can be replicated in other countries, positioning India as a leader in helping other nations adopt similar fintech systems.

## 2,500-km Chase, China Firm That Scammed Indians

### How Delhi Cops Caught Trafficker In Hyderabad

A man involved in trafficking vulnerable young Indian men to Southeast Asia, where they were forced to work in cybercrime operations for Chinese companies, has been arrested by Delhi Police after a relentless 2,500-kilometre chase. Kamran Haider, also known as Zaidi, was apprehended in Hyderabad after a nationwide search that took the police across multiple states.

Zaidi, who had a ₹2 lakh reward for information leading to his arrest, is accused of running a human trafficking ring that exploited young men by luring them with promises of overseas employment. Once the victims arrived in the Golden Triangle Region—where the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar meet—their passports were confiscated, and they were coerced into cybercrime activities, including scamming people in India, Europe, and the United States.

The investigation began after a complaint by Naresh Lakhwat, an Indian national who had sought employment through a consultancy called Ali International Service. After receiving job offers in Thailand and Laos, Lakhwat was sent to Thailand, where his passport was taken, and he was forced to work in a Chinese company involved in cybercrime.

The case, initially handled by the New Friends Colony police in Delhi, was transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which uncovered the full scope of the trafficking operation. The probe revealed that Zaidi, along with accomplices like Manzoor Alam (Guddu), Sahil, Ashish (Akhil), and Pawan Yadav (Afzal), trafficked



young men to the Golden Triangle. Once there, victims were made to run fake call centres, scamming unsuspecting individuals online. Those attempting to escape were also extorted for cryptocurrency.

Zaidi, who had been evading arrest for some time, was tracked through a combination of manual intelligence and technical surveillance. Delhi Police teams pursued him across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, finally pinpointing his location in Hyderabad. He was arrested near Nampally Railway Station while attempting to flee a new hideout.

The NIA's investigation also revealed the inhumane conditions the trafficked individuals faced. Victims were poorly treated and forced to participate in fraudulent activities, with traffickers extorting money from those who tried to escape.

Zaidi's arrest marks a significant breakthrough in the fight against human trafficking and cybercrime, with authorities continuing to investigate the full extent of the international racket.

## Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra Leaked Renders Reveal Updated Design and Four Color Options

The Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra, anticipated to launch in early 2025, has surfaced in new design renders, offering a glimpse into the potential look and features of Samsung's upcoming flagship. Expected to follow the Galaxy S24 Ultra, which was introduced in January, the Galaxy S25 Ultra showcases a refined design with a few notable tweaks. The renders, shared by Technizo Concept on X (formerly Twitter), display the smartphone's revamped build and reveal four distinct color options.



### Design Enhancements and New Colorways

The leaked renders suggest that the Galaxy S25 Ultra will retain the flat edges of its predecessor but with slightly rounded corners, aiming to improve ergonomics. Additionally, the rear camera module appears more pronounced, with thicker rings around each lens, as depicted in close-up images of the device's back panel. Only one render shows the display, which appears to have a flat screen, possibly a shift from previous Galaxy Ultra models that often featured curved screens.

The device is expected to debut in four premium colorways: Titanium Black, Titanium Blue, Titanium Gray, and Titanium Silver. This aligns with predictions from industry expert Ross Young, who hinted at these color options last month, underscoring Samsung's focus on a sleek, metallic aesthetic for

its new flagship.

### Performance Boosts and Additional Features

The Galaxy S25 Ultra is expected to be powered by Qualcomm's latest Snapdragon 8 Elite chip, marking a significant performance improvement from the Galaxy S24 Ultra. Samsung's trademark S Pen, visible in the renders, will remain a key feature of the device. Additionally, the smartphone is likely to introduce enhanced Galaxy AI capabilities right out of the box, enhancing user experience across applications.

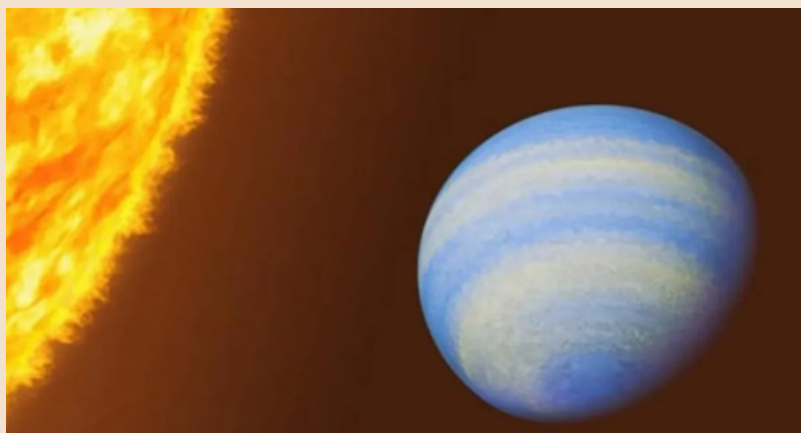
As Samsung fans await further updates, the Galaxy S25 Ultra is expected to reveal more details leading up to its release, setting the stage for one of Samsung's most anticipated devices in the Galaxy series.

## New Earth-Like Planet Discovered Orbiting White Dwarf, Offers Insight into Humanity's Future

Astronomers have discovered an Earth-sized rocky planet orbiting a white dwarf star 4,000 light years away in the constellation Sagittarius, a finding that could offer crucial insights into the future of Earth and humanity. The planet, designated KMT-2020-BLG-0414, has a similar mass to Earth and orbits at a distance double that of Earth from the sun. Alongside it is a massive brown dwarf, a planet-like object 17 times the mass of Jupiter.

This discovery provides a glimpse into Earth's potential fate when the sun reaches its final stages of evolution. White dwarfs are the remnants of stars like our sun, which, after exhausting their nuclear fuel, expand into red giants before shedding their outer layers and contracting. As our sun ages, it will expand to engulf its inner planets—Mercury and Venus are the most vulnerable—before likely shrinking to a white dwarf. The extent of its expansion remains uncertain, leaving the fate of Earth in question.

The study, published in Nature Astronomy, was led by researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, who observed



the system using the Keck Telescope in Hawaii. According to Jessica Lu, an associate professor of astronomy at UC Berkeley, the white dwarf's companion planet may support theories that planetary orbits can shift outward as a star loses mass and expands. "Whether life can survive on Earth through that (red giant) period is unknown. But certainly, the most important thing is that Earth isn't swallowed by the Sun when it becomes a red

giant," Lu noted.

Keming Zhang, the study's lead author, explained that Earth's habitability is limited to roughly another billion years, as the sun's increased heat will eventually evaporate the planet's oceans. However, should Earth avoid engulfment, outer regions of the solar system could offer refuge. As the sun swells into a red giant, its habitable zone will shift outward, potentially warming the icy moons of Jupiter and Saturn, such as Europa, Callisto, and Enceladus, making them possible havens for life.

"In any case, planet Earth will only be habitable for another billion years, at which point Earth's oceans would be vaporized by the runaway greenhouse effect," Zhang added. "Humanity could migrate out there," he suggested, envisioning a future where humanity seeks refuge on ocean worlds in the outer solar system.

This newfound Earth-like planet near a white dwarf not only opens doors for studying Earth's fate but also emphasizes the possibility of future human habitats beyond our home planet.

## Gen Z's Favorite Social Media Platforms: Insights

Social media has become an integral part of modern life, providing platforms for everything from personal connections to news consumption, content creation, and even career development. For Gen Z—defined as those born between the late 1990s and early 2010s—social media plays a particularly crucial role in shaping communication and entertainment habits.



According to 2023 data from the Pew Research Center, YouTube stands as the most popular social media platform among Gen Z, with a significant 93% of U.S. adults aged 18-29 using it. Instagram follows closely, with 78% of this demographic engaging on the platform. Facebook, Snapchat, and TikTok also rank highly, each favored by over 60% of Gen Z users. The platforms that attract fewer, but still significant, percentages include Pinterest, Reddit, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, WhatsApp, and BeReal.

Among U.S. adults aged 18-29, social media usage is led by YouTube, with 93% of this demographic engaging on the platform. Instagram follows with 78%, while Facebook is used by 67%. Snapchat and TikTok are also popular, with 65% and 62% of users, re-

spectively. Pinterest sees engagement from 45%, and Reddit is used by 44%. X (formerly Twitter) has 42% of this age group, while both LinkedIn and WhatsApp each have 32% usage. BeReal is less popular, with 12% of adults in this age group using the platform.

Social media also plays a significant role in how Gen Z and other Americans consume news. Half of U.S. adults report getting news from platforms like TikTok, X, Facebook, and Instagram. However, the way users encounter news varies across these platforms. On Facebook and Instagram, news is often shared by friends and family, while TikTok users are more likely to get news from influencers or unfamiliar sources. X, by contrast, tends to feature more news from media outlets and journalists.

## Viral Video Shows Pilot Cleaning Windscreen, Sparks Online Debate

A recent viral video has garnered significant attention after it captured a Serene Air pilot cleaning the windscreen of his Airbus A330-200 just before takeoff. The footage, which has been widely shared on social media, shows the pilot leaning out of the aircraft's side window to clear the view ahead.

The incident, reported to have occurred on a flight between Pakistan and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, has sparked a mix of reactions online. Some viewers have expressed surprise and amusement, questioning the unusual sight. One comment read, "Pilot h ya bus conductor (Is he a pilot or a bus conductor)?", while another noted, "Pakistan being Pakistan."

Others have defended the practice, suggesting it is not entirely out of the ordinary. A user commented, "Frankly, pilots do this. Not everyone, sometimes



those who are not satisfied by windscreen cleaning." Another added, "Pilots clean all the time."

The video has raised questions about airline safety protocols and the roles of ground staff, highlighting a potential gap in standard procedures. However, the incident also serves as a reminder of the diverse practices that can occur in aviation operations around the world.

In the broader context, Pakistan has been navigating severe economic challenges, including high inflation and substantial public debt. Despite recent support from friendly nations and the IMF, the country's financial situation remains precarious. The new three-year deal with the IMF aims to

stabilize the economy and foster more resilient growth, pending approval from the IMF Executive Board.

## India Handed a Shocking 59-Run Defeat by Bangladesh in U19 Asia Cup Final

India's hopes of winning the U19 Asia Cup were dashed as they suffered a crushing 59-run defeat to Bangladesh in the title clash held in Dubai on Sunday. Despite a stellar performance by the bowlers, who restricted Bangladesh to just 198 runs in 49.1 overs, the Indian batters failed to capitalize, falling short in their chase and succumbing to pressure.

Chasing a modest target of 199, India were bowled out for 139 in just 35.2 overs. None of the top-order batters managed to step up, including IPL sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who was dismissed for just 9 runs off 7 balls.

India's chase began poorly, losing Suryavanshi and Ayush Mhatre (1) early, leaving the team at 24 for 2 within the first five overs.

As the pressure mounted, Bangladesh's bowlers and fielders tightened their grip, restricting India from finding boundaries or even easy singles. C Andre Siddarth tried to hold the innings together with 20 runs off 35 balls, but his dismissal by Rizan Hossain in the 12th over tilted the balance in Bangladesh's favor.

Bangladesh's Iqbal Hossain Emon then took center stage, claiming three crucial wickets in quick succession, including KP Karthikeya (21), Nikhil Kumar (0), and Harvansh Pangalia (6). India's hopes were further dashed despite a resistance from Mohamed Amaan, who scored a patient 26 off 65 balls. Hardik Raj added 24 off 21 balls late in the innings, but the required runs were too many to chase down.



The end came swiftly as Bangladesh's Azizul Hakim delivered a decisive spell, taking 3 wickets for just 8 runs in 2.2 overs.

Earlier, Bangladesh's batting was steady but not explosive. Rizan Hossain top-scored with 47, while Mohammad Shihab James contributed 40, and Farid Hasan added 39. India's bowlers dominated the first half, limiting Bangladesh to a manageable total. Yudhajit Guha was the stand-out performer with figures of 2/29, while Chetan Sharma (2/48) and Raj (2/41) each picked up two wickets. Kiran Chormale (1/19), Karthikeya (1/37), and Mhatre (1/9) also contributed with wickets, but it wasn't enough to stop Bangladesh from claiming the title.

India's failure to chase down a reachable target has ended their quest for the U19 Asia Cup title, with Bangladesh emerging victorious by 59 runs.

## How India Can Still Qualify for the World Test Championship Final After Loss to Australia

India's chances of qualifying for the World Test Championship (WTC) Final were dealt a significant blow after their crushing defeat to Australia in the pink-ball Test in Adelaide. The Rohit Sharma-led team was comprehensively outplayed, with Australia winning by 10 wickets, which saw India drop to third in the WTC Points Table. Despite this setback, India is still in contention for a spot in the final, with several scenarios that could see them advance.

India's qualification for the WTC Final now hinges on their performance in the remaining Tests of the ongoing series against Australia. To keep their hopes alive, India cannot afford to lose any more matches. If they win all three of the remaining Tests, they will secure a place in the final.

Alternatively, two wins and a draw would also guarantee qualification, provided South Africa wins their second Test against Sri Lanka. If India loses another match in the series, their qualification hopes will depend on the results of the South Africa vs Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka vs Australia series.

Meanwhile, cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar has urged the Indian team to make the most of the



two extra days between Tests. Following the early finish in the second Test, he advised the players to focus on intense practice sessions to regain their rhythm ahead of the third Test, which begins on December 14.

Gavaskar emphasized the importance of utilizing the break for training rather than lounging around. "You can't be sitting in your hotel room. You have come here to play cricket. Practice for a session in the morning or afternoon, but do not waste these days," he advised. India's goal is clear: win the remaining matches and secure their place in the World Test Championship Final.

## D. Gukesh Takes Lead in World Chess Championship with Win Over Ding Liren



Young Indian Grandmaster D. Gukesh moved a step closer to the World Chess Championship title by defeating reigning champion Ding Liren in the 11th game, taking a 6-5 lead in the 14-round classical match. After a series of draws, this victory gives Gukesh a crucial advantage with just three games remaining.

With this win, Gukesh has created history. No challenger in modern chess has ever taken the lead after a 5-5 tie following the 10th game. For Ding Liren, the only consolation could be his own comeback in the last World Championship, where he won the 12th game against Ian Nepomniachtchi.

In the 11th game, Gukesh started with a Knight move, catching Liren off guard as he opted for a reverse Benoni opening. This unexpected decision seemed more like an on-the-spot choice than a well-prepared strategy. Gukesh quickly gained an hour's advantage on the clock, a position difficult for any opponent to recover from in a high-stakes game. Although Liren's early plan appeared flawed, he turned the tables when Gukesh miscalculated his middle game strategy. But when Liren attempted to complete his development, he missed a simple maneuver that could have given him a slight edge. Gukesh, despite spending considerable time, managed to find a brilliant pawn sacrifice on the queenside to open up space for his rooks. As he doubled his rooks on the file, Liren faltered, making a crucial

blunder that sealed the game. Reflecting on the match, Gukesh said, "After Game 1, I had to show mental resistance. Losing the first game wasn't pleasant, but I bounced back and started playing good chess." He acknowledged the support of his team in preparing him for the opening line in the 11th game, adding that the risk-reward ratio of the strategy was appealing, and it successfully surprised Liren.

Gukesh rejected the idea that Liren was playing for a draw, pointing out that his opponent had been in strong positions at several points. "Chess is a 14-game match, and you can't plan for tie-breaks from the start. Mistakes happen, and this game was a rollercoaster that could have gone either way."

During the game, Gukesh took a six-minute break to regain his focus. "I was getting behind on the clock and wasn't thinking clearly. I needed a break to reset and take it one move at a time," he said, explaining the reason behind his pause. His calmness paid off, as things turned around in his favor.

Now, with only three games left, Gukesh needs just three draws to claim his first World Chess Championship title. Liren, with two games as White, will need a strong comeback to stay in contention. However, Gukesh remains focused on the process and intends to continue playing solidly, undeterred by the upcoming result. "I will just try to play good games," he emphasized.

## More Bad News for Team India?

Rohit Sharma Shares Disappointing Update on Mohammed Shami

Mohammed Shami's highly anticipated return to the Test arena could face further delays, as Indian captain Rohit Sharma revealed that the senior pacer has once again developed "some swelling" in his knees. After featuring in seven Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) games, Shami's knee issue resurfaced, throwing his participation in the upcoming series into doubt.

Despite Shami having his playing kit ready and an Australian visa in hand, fresh uncertainty surrounds his trip to Australia. When asked about the possibility of Shami's return to the squad, Rohit was cautious in his response. "No, no, definitely. That door is very much open. But we are just monitoring him because while playing Syed Mushtaq Ali T20, he again got some swelling in his knee, which obviously hampers his preparation to come and play a Test match. We want to be very, very careful," Rohit explained after the match.

Shami had bowled 42 overs in a Ranji Trophy game in addition to playing seven SMAT T20 matches over 13 days. According to an NCA source, Shami has told the medical team that, although he has no issues bowling four overs, the swelling in his knee returns after each game. Decision-makers, including the team management, have spoken with Shami and sensed his reluctance to return to the longest format at this stage.

Rohit emphasized that the team would not rush Shami's comeback unless he is fully fit. "We don't want to bring him here in a situation where he plays and then pulls up sore or something happens. We want to be more than 100



percent sure with him. It's been such a long time since he last played international cricket," the skipper said. "If Shami doesn't feel 100 percent, we won't put pressure on him." Rohit added that the final decision would be made by the NCA medical team, led by Dr. Nitin Patel. "There are professionals monitoring him, and we will take the call based on what they feel. They are the ones watching him every game," he noted. While the team is cautious, Rohit reiterated that Shami's door to a comeback remains open, but only when he is fully fit to perform at his best.

## Lando Norris Wins Abu Dhabi Grand Prix as McLaren Clinch Constructors' Title

Lando Norris triumphed in a dramatic and action-packed Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Sunday, securing McLaren's first Constructors' Championship in 26 years. The 25-year-old British driver crossed the line 5.832 seconds ahead of Carlos Sainz and his teammate Charles Leclerc, ensuring McLaren's dominance on a night filled with accidents, penalties, and tensions under the lights of Yas Marina Circuit.

"Papaya on top!" Norris exclaimed during his cooldown lap, celebrating with his team. "Congrats to everyone. Incredible. So proud of you all. You all deserve this. It's been a special one. Next year is going to be my year too." McLaren's victory marks their first Constructors' title since 1998, the year



before Norris was born. The team began the day with a 21-point lead and a front-row lockout, but saw Oscar Piastri spun out after a collision with

newly crowned four-time world champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull at the first corner. Despite this setback, McLaren held their ground as Ferrari fought back, with Leclerc starting from 19th on the grid and finishing second, while Sainz secured third. Lewis Hamilton, in his final race for Mercedes, finished an impressive fourth, overtaking his teammate George Russell on the final lap. Russell took fifth, ahead of Verstappen, who received a 10-second penalty for his crash with Piastri. Alpine's Pierre Gasly took seventh, while Nico Hulkenberg finished eighth for Haas. Fernando Alonso crossed the line in ninth for Aston Martin, with Piastri securing a battling tenth place for McLaren.



## Telugu Films Changing the Game for Netflix in India



Netflix, the global OTT giant, has transformed its strategy in India to become a major player in the country's streaming market, particularly by tapping into the popularity of regional content from the Telugu and Tamil film industries.

A few years ago, Netflix struggled to gain a foothold in India, with platforms like Amazon Prime and Hotstar dominating the scene. The streaming service's high subscription cost and a lack of local content made it less appealing to Indian viewers, who favored more affordable platforms offering content in their native languages.

However, Netflix quickly recognized the need to cater to the diverse Indian market and began focusing on local content. This shift paid off as the platform embraced the growing appeal of Telugu and Tamil cinema, which has garnered significant attention both in India and internationally.

By 2023, Netflix's investment in regional films began to show impressive results. Major blockbusters like Jr NTR's *Devara* quickly became global trends, staying in the top three for over two weeks. Dulquer Salmaan's *Lucky Bhaskar* also became a hit, gaining massive traction despite its brief four-week theatrical window.

Earlier hits like *Tillu Square* and *Guntur Karam* had already demonstrated Netflix's growing influence in the Telugu film space, and the addition of *Pushpa 2: The Rule* to its catalog further solidified its foothold. The streaming service secured the rights to the film for a significant sum, and it has since become another major success.

Even non-star-driven films like *Mathu Vadalara 2* have gained traction, becoming social media sensations. Meanwhile, Nani's *Saripodaa Sanivaram* saw a surge in its audience across multiple languages. Netflix's investment in regional content isn't just about blockbusters. Films like *Gangs of Godavari* and *Mr. Bachchan* have performed well on the platform, regardless of their box office performance. Even films that underperformed theatrically but found popularity among streaming users have been successful on Netflix.

While some of its competitors saw their flops go unnoticed, Netflix has consistently churned out hits. The platform's strategic focus on regional cinema, particularly from the Telugu film industry, has proven to be a fruitful investment, and it's clear that Netflix plans to continue expanding its regional content offerings in the future.

## Shilpa Shetty's Missed Opportunity in Iconic 'Chaiyya Chaiyya'

In a surprising revelation, Shilpa Shetty, Namrata Shirodkar's sister, shared how she was initially approached for the iconic *Chaiyya Chaiyya* song from *Dil Se*, only to be rejected due to unexpected reasons that reflect the body standards prevalent in 90s Bollywood.

Choreographer Farah Khan had originally selected Shilpa to feature in the song, but asked her to lose weight in order to fit the required appearance. When Shilpa couldn't meet the expectations, Malaika Arora took her place, and the rest became history with *Chaiyya Chaiyya* becoming a legendary track in Bollywood.

Shilpa, in a recent appearance on *Bigg Boss 18*, disclosed that only Farah and director Mani Ratnam knew the real reason behind her rejection. She also reflected on how this decision shaped her career and how it highlighted the industry's focus on physical appearance and beauty standards, which often determined career trajectories in the 90s.



Had Shilpa featured in the song, her career might have taken a different turn, with more visibility and possibly greater stardom. Her missed opportunity underscores the body image pressures in the industry, even as Malaika's performance in the song

propelled her into the limelight. Despite the setback, Shilpa's journey reflects the complex relationship between beauty standards, career choices, and the business of Bollywood at the time.

## Three Arrested in Connection with Pushpa 2 Stampede at Sandhya Theater

Three individuals have been arrested in connection with the tragic stampede that occurred at Sandhya Theater during the premiere of *Pushpa 2* on December 4. The incident resulted in the death of a woman, while her nine-year-old son remains in critical condition and is being treated at a local hospital.

The police registered a case based on the complaint filed by the family members of the deceased. The arrests were made following an investigation into the management's role in the incident. The Chikkadapalli ACP is expected to



release further details about the arrests.

While there have been rumors suggesting that the theater's owner,

manager, and security in charge were among those arrested, there has been no official confirmation yet.

The incident has sparked criticism of both the *Pushpa 2* team and Sandhya Theater for the lack of crowd control. In response to the tragedy, Allu Arjun, the lead actor of *Pushpa 2*, and the film's team have announced a compensation of ₹25 lakh for the affected family.

The theater's owner, along with Allu Arjun and the security team, have been named as accused in the case as investigations continue.

## Allu Arjun's Next Project After Pushpa 2??



After the massive success of *Pushpa 2*, Allu Arjun's next project is generating buzz, with reports suggesting that the actor may collaborate with Malayalam filmmaker Vipin Das. Known for his work in *Jaya Jaya Hey*, Vipin Das has reportedly approached Arjun for a potential film. However, this collaboration raises questions about whether it would be the right move for the star, who is at the peak of his career.

Allu Arjun, now a pan-Indian star, is witnessing success beyond his South Indian roots, with *Pushpa 2* performing exceedingly well in the Hindi-speaking belt, even surpassing its performance in Telugu-speaking regions. As Arjun's fanbase grows in the north, he will need to carefully choose scripts that cater to this expanding audience. The right project will be crucial to maintaining his momentum and avoiding the pitfalls

that other stars have faced after delivering pan-Indian blockbusters.

For instance, Prabhas struggled to replicate the success of *Baahubali* with *Saaho*, while Yash's upcoming project *Toxic* hasn't generated much excitement. While collaborations with directors like Vipin Das could bring fresh and unique narratives to Arjun's filmography, there is concern whether it will resonate with his mass audience, who are accustomed to his high-energy, larger-than-life roles.

Malayalam cinema, known for its more niche appeal and distinct storytelling style, may offer compelling stories but might not align with the mass image that Allu Arjun has carefully cultivated. As Arjun continues to ride the wave of his success, his next choices will be pivotal in shaping his future trajectory in the industry.

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who separated from Naga Chaitanya in 2021 after four years of marriage, continues to stir speculation with her cryptic social media posts. While Samantha has addressed her separation directly only a few times, she frequently shares indirect hints through her posts, leading to widespread curiosity among fans and followers.

Recently, Naga Chaitanya married actress Shobita Dhulipala in an intimate ceremony at Annapurna Studios. On the same day, Samantha

took to Instagram to share a story that read, "As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the ups and downs that shaped our journey. From challenges to triumphs, moments of growth and joy, you've made it to the end like a shining star! This year has tested us, but it has also taught us strength, resilience, and the beauty of perseverance." The message seemed to resonate deeply with her fans, with many interpreting it as a reflection of her own journey post-separation. In addition, Samantha reshared a video posted by Hollywood actress

Viola Davis, featuring a girl defeating a boy in a wrestling match, which many perceived as a metaphor for Samantha's resilience in the face of her personal challenges.

These posts have ignited further speculation, with fans believing that Samantha is subtly referencing her past relationship with Naga Chaitanya. While the actress has remained private about the details of her separation, her social media activity continues to fuel public interest, drawing attention to her emotional journey and strength.

## Chay's Wedding: Fans Digging Samantha's Posts

